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SUBJ DOUBLE BOTTOMS FOR TANKERS

1. U.S. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT OIL TANKERS CARRYING ALASKA OIL WILL NOT BE REQUIRED HAVE DOUBLE BOTTOMS HAS RECEIVED ATTENTION HERE. PREMIER BARRETT HAS NOTED THAT THIS IS DECISION "SOLELY WITHIN U.S. JURISDICTION" AND NOTED THAT CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PROTESTS REGARDING TANKERS SAILING NEAR B.C. COAST. PROVINCIAL LIBERAL PARTY LEADER ANDERSON CALLED DECISION GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT" BUT ADDED THAT THIS UNDERLINES IMPORTANCE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMERICANS OVER SAFETY STANDARDS. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER WALLACE CALLED FOR "STRONGEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION TO U.S. SECRETARY INTERIOR". SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY LEADER BENNETT NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

2. INFLUENTIAL LOCAL PAPER, THE PROVINCE, GAVE LEAD

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EDITORIAL JANUARY 17 TO SUBJECT "OIL SPILLS: SAVE NOW, PAY

LATER". U.S. DECISION RE TANKER DOUBLE BOTTOMS DESCRIBED AS
"REGRETTABLE AND POSSIBLE TRAGIC BUT NOT UNEXPECTED". NOTED
THAT CANADIAN DELEGATION AT INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE
IN LONDON 1973 HAD "HELPED TORPEDO U.S. PROPOSAL REQUIRE DOUBLE
BOTTOMS". URGED CANADA FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "MODIFY SOME OF ITS
ENERGY POLICIES" AND CONCLUDED THAT "UNLESS CANADA IS PREPARED
MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS, U.S. COAST GUARD WILL FIND OTTAWA A
PUSHOVER".
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